

Mr Editor

123 Dear Sir. Having seen a piece from a Richmond (Va) paper stating that I ~~was~~^{am} in the Massachusetts Penitentiary. I avail myself of the opportunity to say that the accusation is a lie without a father. I am not: nor hither have I been, nor do I expect to be, unless some one should attempt to deprive me of my liberty as before. Then I would enforce the motto of Patrick Henry. liberty or death. Again if such had been the case, I should only fall back into the widest of such a class of individuals as I was among before my escape from the South.

That of liars, cradle robbers, thieves, murderers, idolaters and Whoremongers. such as ought to be in the Penitentiary for the murdered fathers, mothers, sisters & Brothers of the South. ————— I now call the attention of the public to the place where I have been residing since my return from the South. I have for two years been prosecuting my studies in Ohio, at Oberlin Institute the light of the World. and since that time at Fairmount Theo. Seminary. Cincinnati Ohio. There striving hard with the aid of my friends to store my mind with that knowledge which I have been deprived of by slavery. I have no doubt ^{that} what I shall find friends enough with abundant means, who will aid me in my noble Object.

And as I am making a preparation to Travel with a
Pan-orama, Titled the Grand Moving Mirror = scenes of real life
startling and Thrilling Incidents, = degradation & Horrors of American
Slavery. for the purpose of selling my Book, a Narrative, giving full
account of my life in Slavery from Childhood with many other
facts connected with the system of Slavery.
The proceeds of which to enable me to complete my studies.
At which time friends will have the opportunity of seeing,
hearing, Reading, and knowing for themselves.
The proprietors of the Pan-orama. Mr A. Herriman
Longley & Garsland. _____ of Lewiston Maine.

I have no doubt but there are some, who would be glad of
the above report was true. The Gentleman who thus informed
the public that I am in Mass Penitentiary, wished to be
kicked into notice. Who like Balaam's Ass, which would
not have spoken if his Master had not give him such
an awful Lashing.) Who ever they may be, I can assure
them that they shall not be kicked into notice ~~by~~ by
me. (Anthony Burns of Boston Mass.

please publish this & accommodate your truly friend
Anthony Burns.

(Probably not an autograph)

Anthony Burns.